



**To:** Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society Advisory Committee  
**From:** Alex Mayer, Director of Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society  
**Date:** March 2, 2009  
**Subject:** February 24, 2009 Michigan Tech Center for Water & Society Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Attachments:** Meeting agenda

The February 2009 meeting of the Michigan Technological University Center for Water & Society (MTCWS) Advisory Committee (AC) was held February 24, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Dow Environmental Engineering & Sciences room 404. The purpose of this memo is to describe the results of the meeting.

Committee Members Present:

Alex Mayer, Director  
Noel Urban, representative, Civil & Environmental Eng.  
Nancy Auer, representative, Biological Sciences  
Joan Chadde, representative, Western U.P. Center for Sci., Math. & Env. Ed.  
John Gierke, representative, GMES  
Carol Asiala, CWS administrative assistant

## 1. Minutes from last Meeting

Approved January 20, 2008 minutes.

## 2. Update on World Water Day Events

**Sandra Postel** is under contract for a dinner, lecture, and book signing Monday night and one classroom visit. Alex will take her on a tour of the Keweenaw on Monday afternoon.

The classroom visit will be the Environmental Engineering Seminar Series on Monday, March 23 in Dow 642 at 3:00 pm. Faculty and class will read selected chapters from Sandra Postel's book, *Water for Life*, and Sandra Postel will lead a question/answer/discussion session.

### ***CWS Research Poster Competition***

The 2 categories of Poster entries will be (1) Research Posters and (2) Coursework / Informational

Joan Chadde has volunteered to be a poster judge

**Action Item:** Find more judges for the posters who

### 3. Great Lakes Lab

The architectural designs for the Great Lakes Lab are being reviewed. Images and plans have been made available for viewing.

### 4. CWS Graduate Certificate in Water Resources

Proposed graduate certificate in water resources originated by Nancy Auer and edited by Kathy Halvorsen and Alex Mayer. The certificate draft was sent to Jackie Huntoon, Dean of the Graduate School.

**Action Items:** Feed back from Dean Huntoon and from water resources faculty in CEE will be discussed in the CWS Degree Subcommittee meeting to be held on March 17, 2009 in Dow 426 at 2:00 pm

### 5. Library for Films on Water Issues

#### *DVDs on Water Issues*

Joan Chadde has started to compile a list of films available for viewing along with a brief synopsis of each film.

### 6. Budget

#### *CWS Budget*

Carry Forward Budget (6/30/2008).....	1,206.67
Incentive Returns (from expenditures in APR-DEC 2008) .....	12,596.55
Admin Salary/Fringes .....	- 4,535.62
Sandra Postel Honorarium .....	-2,000.00
Other Speaker Expenses.....	-428.38
Miscellaneous.....	-254.74
Grad Student Research/Travel Grants .....	-300.00
<b>Balance (as of 2/23/2009) .....</b>	<b>\$6,284.48</b>

**Action Items:** Apply current CWS Budget to the existing CWS Budget Plan approved in 2007.

### 7. Other Items

#### *Lake Superior Youth Symposium*

The Lake Superior Youth Symposium will be held in Duluth, May 14-17, 2009 for students in grades 8-12. CWS will provide four \$62.50 scholarships to individual students.

Students must apply with a 250-word letter describing the student's project and how the symposium will be helpful to the student. If selected, the student must include the CWS Logo in their project, and send an electronic version of their project (report, poster, etc.) to [mtcws@mtu.edu](mailto:mtcws@mtu.edu) to be published on the CWS website.

***Agassiz Research Vessel***

Requesting support for the Agassiz Research Vessel to be used for public outreach during the Chassell Strawberry Festival.

Funds needed: \$850 (to use the boat and hire a captain for the day)

Volunteers: Marty Auer has volunteered his time in the past.

Excursions: Last year, 3 excursions were planned, but 2 additional excursions were completed.

Other Funding Sources: the Chassell Lions club is willing to donate \$200 towards this event.

Tabled action on this request until CWS budget plan is reviewed.

**Action Item:** Check Budget planning to see what portion of the CWS budget can or should be used for public outreach.

***CWS Strategic Planning***

Strategy for enhancing the stature of CWS was discussed and will be the topic at the next Advisory Committee Meeting.

**AGENDA - CWS Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Dow 404 9:00 am

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2. Update on World Water Day events
3. Great Lakes Lab
4. CWS Graduate Certificate
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